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Re: Microsoft Ruling

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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
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Dear General Ashcroft:

Just a note to let you know I appreciate your efforts to resolve the Microsoft antitrust case. In my opinion, it would make sense to support the settlement and conclusion reached in court.

The cost to both sides of this dispute has to reach millions of dollars on each side. An acceptable settlement has been arrived at that will likely give competitors improved ability to place their software on Microsoft operating systems, thus giving them more sales and public exposure. Some of the competitors remain unsatisfied, and they will place pressure on officials until this case is resumed and serious damage is done to Microsoft and the entire business sector. We do have some interesting telephone businesses now, but the 10 years of litigation and costs involved have been a terrible price to pay. Currently, the competition/consolidation in the phone business is causing a great deal more pain.

Please consider accepting the settlement. If you believe it has merit, and is in the public interest, please consider talking with those state attorneys general to not try to win the lottery by pushing for more destruction of a pretty good company.

Sincerely,

